

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 30, 2008, wherein the Examiner rejected the pending claims. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

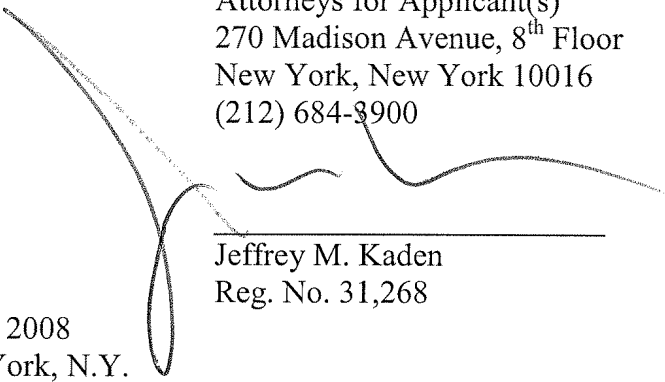
As an initial matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in discussing the claims by telephone earlier today.

In further response to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the prior Office Action of July 30, 2007 with respect to original dependent claim 3, and in order to better define the claimed invention, new independent claim 13 has been further amended to be more consistent with original dependent claim 3.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's prior indication of allowable subject matter as well as his comments during today's telephone interview, it is submitted that claims 2, 4, 8-11, 13 and 15 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Early and favorable Action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

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